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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 9210

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PK, BG

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING, FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI CONFIRMED PAK-BANGLADESH DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK BY PAK MIN OF STATE AZIZ AHMED AND BANGLADESH FONMIN ABU SAYEED CHAUDHURY A FEW HOURS EARLIER. SHAHI SAID ORIGINAL INTENT HAD BEEN TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY IN NEW YORK, ISLAMABAD, AND DACCA. THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN COMMUNICATION FOUL-UP. HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT. (ASSUME USUN WILL BE SENDING IT TO US AND OTHER POSTS.)

2. SHAHI SAID THAT DECISION HAD FOLLOWED SERIES OF NEW YORK MEETINGS BETWEEN AZIZ AHMED AND CHAUDHURY AND SECRET VISIT TO ISLAMABAD OF BANGLADESH POLITICAL LEADER WHO HAD CLAIMED TO BE ENVOY OF PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE. ACCORDING  
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TO SHAHI, ENVOY HAD SUBMITTED THREE PROPOSALS TO GOP.

THESE RELATED TO (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, (B) RESUMPTION OF TRADE RELATIONS, AND (C) REPATRIATION OF BIHARIS ON A SELECTIVE BASIS. GOP HAD NEVER BEEN SURE OF BONA FIDES OF ENVOY'S CREDENTIALS.

3. SHAHI ALSO STATED THAT GOP HOPED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH BANGLADESH PROMPTLY. (MFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE BANGLADESH TELLS US THAT SEARCH IS ON; HE NOTES THAT EARLIER "AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE" MAHMOOD HAROON, WEALTHY KARACHI BUSINESSMAN AND FRIEND AND FINANCIAL ANGEL OF MUJIB IN SIXTIES, IS NOW OBVIOUSLY OUT OF THE RUNNING GIVEN CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN DACCA.) MENTIONING STORY WHICH APPEARED IN KARACHI PAPER RECENTLY REPORTING POSSIBILITY OF CONFEDERATION BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH, WHICH HE SAID HAD PROMPTED ANGRY DEMARCHE FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR, SHAHI STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE NO POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.  
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